

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 7-9 are pending in the Application. Claim 7 has been amended replacing the term "detachable connection element" with the term "first guide roller" and replacing the term "connecting element" with the term "second guide roller" and to indicate that the drive chain includes carrier cages and that the removal guide track includes coupling elements selected from switchable electromagnets, rocker heels, and switchable points tongues. The amendments are supported at, for example, in Figure 2, at page 5, lines 8-26, and at page 6, lines 11-16 of the specification. Claims 10-12 have been added. The new claims are supported at page 4, lines 24-30 of the specification. No new matter has been added by way of the amendments.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 7-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as being based on an inadequate disclosure. Specifically, the Examiner alleges that in Claim 7, the terms "detachable connection element" and "connecting element" are inadequately disclosed and that the claims are incomplete because the coupling and detaching functions are recited but the means for accomplishing them are not.

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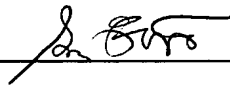
The rejection of Claims 8 and 9 is moot as they have been cancelled.

New Claims 10-12 are adequately disclosed at page 4, lines 24-30 of the specification.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of Claims 1-18 are respectfully requested.

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